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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Operations
FROM: Chief, Hong Kong Bureau
SUBJECT: Trip Report PRC TDY 23-30 October

BEIJING

Talked with the head of the political section and the officers responsible for external and internal affairs. They feel current file is sufficient for their needs. They are appreciative of the product but simply don't have the spare time to read any more. Economic officers, however, want considerably more material, particularly long, involved economic pieces which they have neither the time nor the talent to translate. The DCM also wants more material; he would like the whole China file if the communications would bear it. In a meeting with him and the TCU and CPU chiefs, it was decided they would go back to the Department and solicit its views on the feasibility of adding another circuit from Manila to handle the embassy's unclassified traffic. All traffic presently coming into the embassy, including FBIS material, is received encrypted. An unclas circuit would alleviate this problem and allow for a significant increase in the amount of material that could be received. The circuit would be handled by a local employee. They will let us know the outcome. If the additional circuit is not possible, we will try to get someone in the Hong Kong consulate to give up their copy of our file to pouch to Beijing.

Acquired the latest lists of publications available from the China National Publishing Industry Trading Corporation and Guoji Shudian from the MPO. In discussion with him on provincial papers, discovered a Gansu paper is available. Subscription for the bureau will be entered.

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SHANGHAI

The political officer would like radio and press material on the three provinces in his area of responsibility--Jiangsu, Zhejiang and Anhui--plus Shanghai city. Again, communications limitations are the bugaboo. Neither the consul general nor the chief of commo were in country the day I visited. The political officer will have to consult with them to see if the circuit can handle the additional material. He will get back to us on this. They also want an extra copy of the PRC DAILY REPORT. They will request it through their channels.

GUANGZHOU

Their requirements were recently firmed up during visit of Guangzhou political officer to the bureau. Reconfirmed they have no need for material from Yunnan and Guizhou. They are happy with what they are getting. Visited the Guangzhou trade fair. Heavy on 1950's-Soviet style machinery and Pier I types buying rattan, wicker and brass spittoons.

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